Enrolment of Drop-out students in AP

291. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh has prepared a programme to manage to lure back about 24.31 per cent of school drop-outs;

(b) if so, whether during the programme 2,42,147 students responded to the call and returned to schools, in addition to 66.70 lakh students enrolled for upper primary and high schools during 1999-2000;

(c) whether in response to this, Union Government have agreed to provide an assistance in implementing the programme; and

(d) if so, to what extent funds for the purpose have been provided to Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, a programme was undertaken in the State to bring children back into schools. As a result about 3.75 lakh children, who had dropped out, responded to the call and joined in the schools.

(c) No proposal was submitted by Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(d) Does not arise.